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## Cosponsor the Equitable Access for DC Hunters Act of 2007

Deadline close of business on June 21st

## Dear Colleague:

I invite you to join as an original cosponsor of legislation that would give residents of the District of Columbia the opportunity to enjoy a privilege enjoyed by residents of all the other states—the option to purchase a resident hunting license.

By simply being a DC resident, an individual cannot purchase a resident hunting license. In 1878, Congress established hunting regulations for the District of Columbia. While the law serves all the obvious reasons on why you shouldn't hunt in DC, it does not change the fact that DC is the only place in the United States where a resident can not purchase an in-state hunting license, nor can its residents purchase a resident hunting license in the two states surrounding DC. Someone across the country might find this to be trivial, but it is significant to DC residents who enjoy hunting in their recreational time.

Annually, DC residents pay a loftier price to enjoy the outdoors. For the last hunting season, a resident license in Maryland was \$24.50 while a non-resident hunting license was \$130, and in Virginia a resident license was \$17 while a non-resident hunting license was \$85. Hunters not only support the local economy wherever they travel in order to hunt, but they also lead the way in wildlife conservation for the next generation of outdoorsmen and -women.

The legislation will allow a resident of the District of Columbia to purchase a resident hunting license in either Virginia or Maryland. The hunter will have to meet all requirements in either state for purchasing a hunting license, such as certification of having passed a hunter safety course, and must present a valid photo ID issued by the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles. The hunter may choose either Virginia or Maryland, but not both, for in-state license fees.

Please join me in cosponsoring the Equitable Access for DC Hunters Act of 2007. To become an original cosponsor or if you have any questions, please contact Elby Godwin in my office at 225-4136.

With warm personal regards, I am

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